



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Early last week, workers began dismantling the scaffold in the 450-seat Congressional Auditorium.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/27/06 through 12/4/06**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Crews have dismantled nearly 90 percent of the scaffolding inside the Congressional Auditorium.
- In the Great Hall, workers have completed primary waterproofing in the fountains at the base of the east stairs.
- Installation of step stones is complete in the North Orientation Theater. Millwork installation continues in the South Theater. Installation of bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater has been completed.
- Scaffolding has been assembled at the Rotunda (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) and Gallery (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) levels inside the East Front of the Capitol. Installation of metal framework continues at the Gallery level to support stone that will be installed early next year. Meanwhile, a ceiling contractor continues framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs while masons continue to install the step stones on the stairs that connect the CVC to the Capitol.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons continue to set marble to the steel structure of the Wall of Aspirations. The openings for 11 document cases are now partially defined. Crews continue assembling the steel framework for the north wall.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls and columns along the CVC entrance zone.
- Masons continue setting granite pavers on the Plaza and are currently working near the CVC north entrance steps.
- Workers continue placing concrete pedestal slabs around the north skylight above the Great Hall. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs that will be set on top of the concrete pedestals.
- Floor stone installation continues in the upper level north-side corridor adjacent to the Great Hall.





Workers make adjustments to a very complex system of air duct in the kitchen of the CVC's Food Service Area.

## **Next Week – 12/4/06 – 12/11/06**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone through the Carriageway and at the Rotunda and Gallery levels. This work will include metal stud framework and installation of ductwork, electrical and telecommunications conduit, light fixtures and other ceiling elements.
- In the Great Hall, workers are expected to begin placing concrete pedestals for the fountains at the base of the two east-side staircases. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs supported by the pedestals.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, near the Great Hall east steps at the upper level and the South Orientation Theaters.
- Stonework is complete in the North Orientation Theater and millwork installation is expected to begin.
- Crews will begin assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of ceiling drywall will continue in the CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Crews are placing concrete above the House Connector Tunnel in the House Carriageway. Paving work will resume this week to restore the House Carriageway for vehicle access by December 5, 2006.
- In House Expansion Space, crews will continue installing the metal framework for the ceiling of a Committee Hearing Room. Close-in inspections will continue in the lower level. Two of four steel landings are in place for the House atrium staircase.
- In the Senate Expansion Space, ceiling close-in inspections will continue in the lower level while crews continue dropping ceiling panels into the ceiling grid of the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level. The four structural steel landings for the Senate atrium staircase are in place. Installation of stone pilasters continues on the lower level.
- Workers will continue to install drainage grates around the new trees that were planted this spring along both sides of the East Capitol Street Extension. The trees provide a canopy over stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrance from First Street.

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